

Emergency department adverse events detected using the emergency department trigger tool.

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[Trigger tools](#) are a novel method of detecting adverse events. This article describes the location, severity, omission/commission, and type of adverse events retrospectively detected using the computerized [Emergency Department Trigger Tool](#) (EDTT). Understanding the characteristics of prior adverse events can guide future quality and safety improvement efforts.